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German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 198 22 211 A1 (Neuhauser et al.), dated November 25, 1999, method for reducing data rate during transmission of object related data between two computer elements communicating within time limits;

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European Patent EP 0 747 216 B1 (Tenfelde et al.), dated December 11, 1996, control for a printing machine;

Japanese Patent Abstract JP 07 281 785 A (Shimura), dated October 27, 1995;

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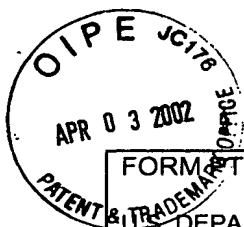
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